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1. South Korea

a. The Pak government is in deep trouble.

b. Even though the imposition of martial law on Seoul yesterday seems to have restored a semblance of order there, sizable demonstrations are under way today in at least four provincial cities. [REDACTED]

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c. The matter is not likely to rest here. By all reports, the Seoul students intend to challenge Pak's martial law. If so, the chances are good that they will attract more support from the public than they have had so far.

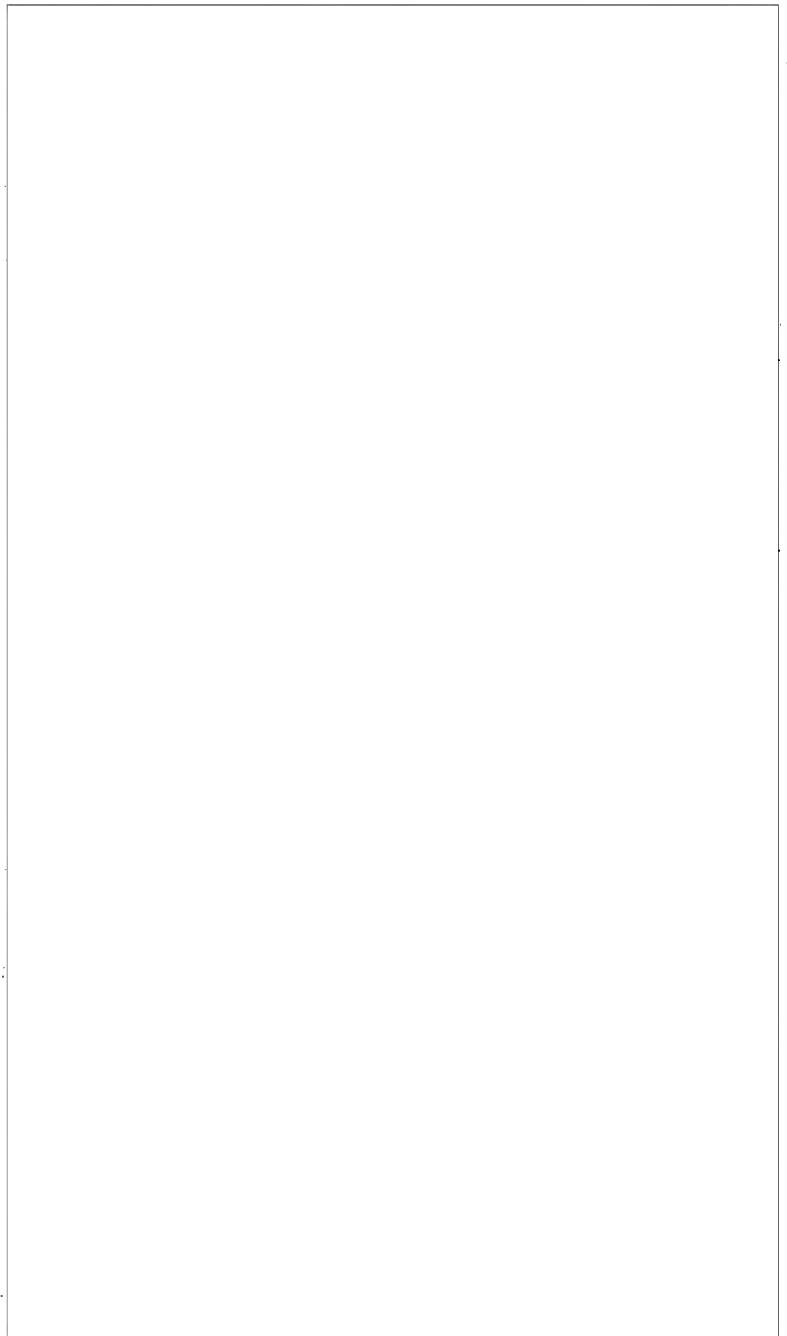
d. In this situation the troops might be forced to extreme measures, which is what the student agitators have been after all along. This is the sequence which led to Rhee's fall.

e. Pak could still defuse this explosive situation by sacrificing Kim Chong-pil and promising reforms. He stubbornly refuses to take these steps, [REDACTED]

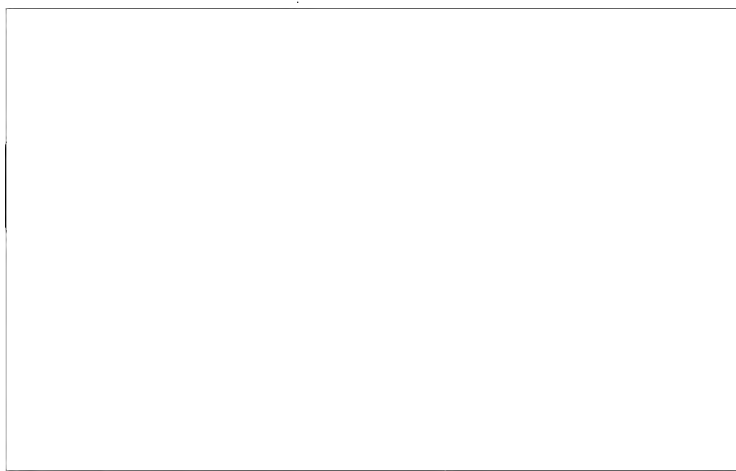
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3. Congo

a. The Congolese Army is hanging on in Kivu, but by a thin thread.

b. Reinforcements are being introduced and the local command has been making a conscientious effort to stiffen these forces.

c. Even so, its position there seems to us to depend more on the immobility of the insurgents, who have made no move toward Bukavu since Monday, than on the army's defensive merits, which remain questionable.

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d. The Belgians, who see the situation in Kivu and elsewhere as being quite beyond the Congolese Army, are floating the idea of talks between Adoula and Soumialot, who has told the Belgians he is willing. The trouble is that he really does not run the Kivu rebels, try as he may to give this impression.

e. Now that New York has reluctantly agreed to move the Nigerians to Kivu, the Congolese are stalling. Mobutu tends to feel that, since the Nigerians are due to leave the Congo by month's end, their stay in Kivu would be too brief to be helpful.

f. Looking to the longer run and now convinced that it needs help, the Adoula government has approached the Nigerians with an official request for perhaps two battalions of troops after the UN forces leave.

g. There is talk in Leopoldville of making similar bilateral requests of Ethiopia, Tunisia, and Senegal.

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4. Laos

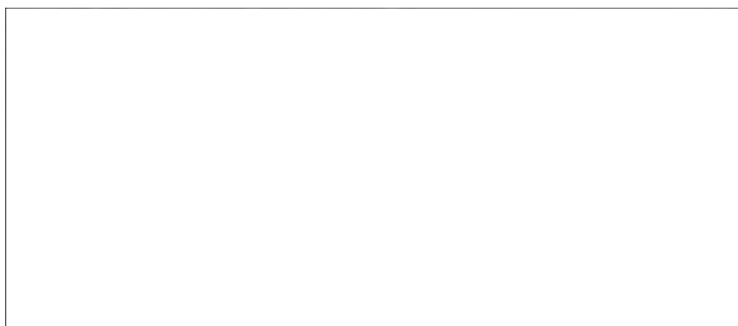
a. The rains continue as does the lull in military activity. A new action may, however, be shaping up.

b. While Kong Le's forces have been reinforcing and consolidating their positions before Muong Suoi, the Pathet Lao have moved several battalions, with tanks in support, toward these positions. The neutralists anticipate an attack.

c. The Pathet Lao are probably in a position to do so. Despite the rain, trucks are still moving from North Vietnam to the Plaine des Jarres

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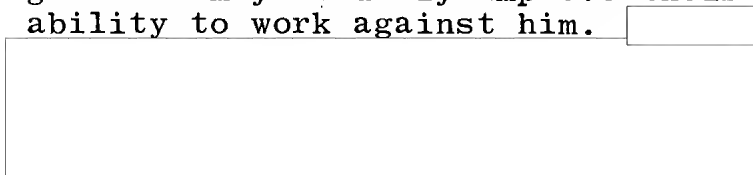
5. South Vietnam

a. It has been more than a fortnight since the Viet Cong have carried out a large-scale attack. A similar tapering off in military activity took place during May/June, 1962 and 1963.

b. Mildly hopeful, too, is the information that the downward trend in government troop strength seems to have been arrested, earlier than we had expected.

c. Desertion rates remain high and will have to be brought down before overall strength figures begin to rise.

d. On the political side, Embassy Saigon fears that Khanh's action in freeing the impounded generals may actually improve their ability to work against him.



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e. In addition, some view their release as giving impetus to neutralism, since they were charged with favoring this course and then released without punishment.

6. Cuba

a. Taking a page from Peiping's book, the Cubans are fanning a germ warfare campaign against the US.

b. This has not gained much headway yet, but "blitz rallies" are being organized to publicize an alleged "bacterial attack" against crops from gelatinous balloons. These are getting heavy coverage by Havana radio.

c. So far, Moscow has not provided counterpoint to these charges, but we would expect at the least that Peiping and its friends would pick the issue up.



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NOTES

- A. USSR-Cuba The Cubans moved another step toward the take-over of the SAM system this week. They assumed control over SAM communications units in the western and central parts of the island. We expect the process to be completed in the near future.

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- C. USSR-Ghana Ghana, which has returned as unsatisfactory four of eight turboprop transports it bought from the USSR, is nevertheless negotiating for new Russian-built jet equipment. Accra has also contracted to import 500,000 tons of Soviet crude in the second half of the year and has told local oil companies that they will be expected not only to distribute refined products from the crude through their Ghanaian facilities but also to dispose of any unused quantities abroad.

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- D. Argentina Labor's program of brief sit-ins at selected businesses has gone peacefully enough thus far. On Tuesday these groups managed a brief and partial stoppage of the Buenos Aires subway. If this program expands, as its sponsors plan, the government will be hard put to adhere to its present course of keeping the military out of it.

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- F. Southeast Asia Sukarno, summit or no, is off for a two-day visit to Manila starting Friday, followed by a five-day stay in Tokyo as Ikeda's guest. His onward plans are indefinite as the more Indonesia explains its most recent statements on Malaysia the less likely a summit becomes. Sihanouk is in the south of France before going on to Paris to begin his state visit. He may be in France for six weeks all told.

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- G. Italy-China Vittorelli, the Nenni socialists' top foreign affairs expert now in China for an "exploratory" visit, was received by Mao Tse-tung on Tuesday. We do not know just what is up, but Vittorelli was accompanied to Peiping by the Italian Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong which gives an official flavor to the visit.

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